(b) 1153 claims for subsistance allowance are under scrutiny.

(c) Employment offer to 300 land losers, after final scrutiny, is under process.

4. The land-losers in Sonepur and Bazari villages are expected to be rehabilitated by March, 1994. The prople of the remaining six villages are expected to be rehabilitated by 1996-97.

Coal Reserves

*218. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated coal reserves in the country in January 1990, January 1991 and January 1992;

(b) the present rate of exploitation of coal reserves and the expected life of the reserves; and

(c) the investment in the exploration of coal reserves during each of the last three financial years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) The estimated coal reserves in the country as on January, 1990, January, 1991 and January, 1992 were 186.04 billion tonnes, 192.36 billion tonnes and 196.02 billion tonnes respectively.

(b) The coal production target for the year 1991-92 is 228.0 million tonnes as against the actual production of 211.73 million tonnes in the year 1990-91. Considering the mineable reserve and the growth of coal consumption in the foreseeable future, the coal deposits are adequate for more than 1000 years.

(c) The total investment made during the last three financial years on regional and detailed exploration of coal was as under:-

Year	*Rs. in lakhs*
1988-89	5100.26
1989-90	5152.46
1990-91	5082.61

Barsinhsar Thermal Power Plant

*219. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the lignite based Barsinhsar Thermal Power Plant is likely to be commissioned;

(b) the details of compensation to be given to the farmers of Barsinhsar and adjoining villages whose land is likely to be acquired; and

(c) the time by which the compensation is likely to be provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) The Barsingsar Thermal Power Station consist of two units of 120 MW each. The first unit is proposed to be commissioned by Dec. 95 while the second unit by June, 1996.

(b) A total of 10982.97 Bighas of private land belonging to 662 farmers has been acquired for Barsingsar mine-cum-power project. A sum of Rs. 10, 82 55, 074 has been awarded by the Land Acquisition Officer of the State Government of Rajasthan as compensation for lands, trees, structures, solatium and interest to the farmers whose lands have been acquired for this project. NLC has deposited Rs. 10, 85, 55, 000 with the Govt. of Rajasthan for further disbursement to the farmers/oustees.